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UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADOR STEPHEN LEWIS TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE FROM CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Montreal, May 24, 1985 -- Stephen Lewis will be honored at Concordia University's Faculty of Arts and Science, Divisions II and IV Convocation ceremonies, which will be held on June 16, at 8:30 p.m. in the Athletics Complex arena, 7141 Sherbrooke St. West. Mr. Lewis will give the convocation address.

Stephen Lewis, who was named last October as Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations, has demonstrated a consistent interest throughout his political career in the pressing concerns of world peace and development. The son of David Lewis, former leader of the federal NDP, Mr. Lewis was first elected to the riding of Scarborough West as an NDP member in 1963 at the age of 25, becoming one of the youngest members ever to sit in the Ontario legislature. He went on to become leader of the Ontario NDP in 1970, and leader of the official opposition in 1975. He resigned his seat in 1978 to become a lecturer and political commentator until his appointment to the U.N.

Mr. Lewis was made a Fellow of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in 1981, "in recognition of outstanding work in the development of public policy", and is a recipient of the Gordon Sinclair ACTRA Award in broadcasting. In 1983, his CBC radio documentaries on the Holocaust Theme in Literature and Film won a special Human Rights award, and was subsequently published in book form. Mr. Lewis also holds honorary degrees from McMaster and York Universities.

Other honorary degree recipients this year include: art dealer Max Stern; film-maker Frank "Budge" Crawley; historian Norman Cohn; linguist Jean-Paul Vinay; educator Charlotte Hunter Tansey; engineering researcher George Geoffrey Meyerhof; CAE Electronics Ltd. President N. Byron Cavadias, Lavalin Group President Bernard Lamarre; and Community Finance Corporation President Theodore Lande.

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